three years, with year-wise figures thereof, on each route;

(c) what were the number of missed trips by the buses plying on each of those DTC routes during the last three years, year-wise and month-wise figures; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to introduce extra buses including new ones so that the hardship of the commuters on these routes is mitigated?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) There had been some dislocation and consequent deterioration in services on Route Nos. 71, 72 and 47 due to sudden withdrawals of buses by private operators and non-availability of DTC buses to provide immediate replacements. So far as Route No. 313 is concerned, some problems were experienced during 1987 due to breakdowns and late outshedding but the position has been corrected and services improved in the years 1988 and 1989.

(b) The information is as under:—

Route No.	1987		1988		1989	
	DTC	P.O.	DTC	P.O.	DTC	P.O.
71	1	6	1	4	3	2
72	1	3	1	3	2	--
47	--	4	--	3	3	1
313	5	--	6	--	6	--

(c) The details of trips missed by buses plyng on each of these DTC routes during the last three years, year-wise and month-wise is enclosed. (See Appendix No. CLIII, Annexure I).

(d) Due to tight fleet position there is no proposal at present to add more buses on these routes. However, as and when the fleet is augmented, additional services are provided, depending on the requirements of the routes.

Allotment of new telephones connections in the capital

238. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pending for the allotment of new telephone connections in different telephone exchanges in the capital as on 1-1-90;

(b) what is the number of new telephone connections allotted during the last six months in each telephone exchange in the capital; and

(c) by when the remaining applicants are likely to be allotted the telephone conections?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The statement showing the number of applications pending for allotment of new telephone connections in different telephone exchanges in the capital as on 1-1-90 is given at Annexure 'A'. (See Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 2).

(b) The statement showing the number of new telephone connections allotted during the last six months in each telephone exchange in the capital is given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

(c) The remaining applicants are likely to be given the connections progressively during the 8th plan subject to availability of resources.

Statement

New Telephone connections allotted during the last six months in each Telephone Exchanges in the Capital

Name of the Exchange	No. of new Connections Given
1. Badli	650
2. Alipur	200
3. Karol Bagh	4500
4. Okhla	550
5. Narela	270
6. Kidwai Bhawan	2,000
7. Tis Hazari	1,000
8. Idgah	2,500
9. Shakti Nagar	1,000
10. Janakpuri	1,000
11. Nehru Place	9,000
12. Hauz Khas	4,000
13. Chanakya Puri	3,000
14. Chhatarpur	500
15. Vasantkunj	1,000
16. Shadipur	500
TOTAL	31,670

Self-reliance in the field of Telephone Technology

239. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to become self-reliant in the field of Telephone Technology; and

(b) by when self-reliance is expected to be achieved in the field?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Government has set up Centre for Development of Telematics as an Autonomous Society for indigenous development of telecommunication technology which covers telephone technology. Apart from the Centre for Development of Telematics, other R&D units in the country are also being encouraged in this regard.

(b) All efforts are being made towards achieving self-reliance as early as possible.